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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Reserve Army

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Intercept Aug 1.

X and IX Corps HQ changed plans.
 3rd Cav Div. halted in area near AMIENS en route to ST. RICHIER area
 Gds into K and L areas.
 14th Div. into A area.
 IX Corp. Q staff visited G. office on coming under order from Army.
 Conference of A.H.C. A.C.M.B. D.A.C.M.B. with administration staffs of 1st Austr.
 Div. discussed supply, transport, canteens etc.
 Heavy expenditure of ammunition arranged for success of impending attack
 on the ridge N. of Pozieres.

See map. 4th

Intercept Aug 2.

Informally G. of possible changes in areas, owing to XIV Corp. probably having
 3 Div. in front line shortly.
 Review of possible resumption of activity by XIV. Corps decided on gradually
 increasing their ammunition in front of railhead.
 Letter from 4th Army re transfer of Labour Battalion and transport for road
 work received: an L.S. with 1st RE, 1st B. R. Fus., 1st B. Nat. Cavalry, 3rd Lancers
 4th Special Recon. R. Co. ordered to transport to arrive 3/8.

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TENCOURT August 2 (contd)	Monday day - nothing new.		Appx. map
" August 3	Moves no change.		
" August 4	Administrative Conference 10 am. agenda attached. Discussed transportation possibilities of supplies, M.T. formation, back to back areas, & San field and clean up road. Visit from Railways re construction of light way for ammunition and other purposes. IX Corps arrangements for area. Div on follow 6. 25. 20 from Tencourt with Gds in reserve. ART as which route a definite reached for supply of back areas 50 th Div enters Aug 10 for heavy duty from 2 nd Army. Artillery follow later. Redistribution of areas on basis of Div mine ball covered. Morn. 3 rd Cav Div. to equal 3 Cav Div Area. Hq Remains under administrative of IX Corps		Appx. maps

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Toutencourt. Aug 5.

3rd Cav Div - Reserve Park ordered to join 3rd Cav Div.
 Letter from G.H.A. says that in future Divisions, exchanging into different armies will leave M.T. units behind, taking on those of the other army concerned.
 Order for 14th Div. to join 4th Army, leaving administration of IX Corps at ~~under~~^{day} ~~the~~ 6th Aug.
 5th Div. enters in 2nd Army area on 10th Aug, Detachment Doullens and Landas for A area.

Aug 6

Written arrangements - Corps sent in suggestions for consideration, chiefly recommending section of hutments use tumbledown buildings, and benches for sleeping purposes; necessity for recreation rooms, messes, pathways of wood and horse stables emphasized.
 Arrived with A.B.K. about commencing work on CONTACT Hiding, and construction of R.E. material and ton sidings at BEAUVILLIERS when Athens B.G. extension reaches there.
 Instruction from G.S. as to coming moves likely to occur: these amount to the following:

Shepherd

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TONTENCOURT Aug 6

12 Div to 2nd Army, about 12 Aug
 1 Auger Corps to date " 27 Aug - 10 Sep.
 13 Div to 1st Army " 17 Sep
 11 Div to " " 30 Aug.
 Canadian Corps to " " 27 Aug - 10 Sep.

Actual dates uncertain at present.

Aug 7

Other moves in action — 14 Div leaves area for 4th Army —
 moves 47.5 miles from 3rd Army to 4th Army later about 15th in transit
 outfit by road about 10th. Hostage changes.

Feeding strength: 264,576 British, 1629 French
 96,207 British Home 13 French Home

Letters on dumping ammunition from 6th Army down policy of feeding
 armies with ammunition, and states all ammunition to front of
 battlefield is to be considered as fluid.

Large supply plane sent to Pozieres for disposal of dead bodies: this
 is question to be considered in large quantities, and at present
 incineration factory.

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OUTENCOURT Aug 8.

Moves see map.

ASB and QMB visited P of W. Camps and officer school Bernueil.
Pulse allotment of 10 pr. 8" - 9.2" needed to compensate for heavy expenditure.
Instructions issued for burial of the dead, in front line: this has proved a most difficult matter.

Aug 9.

Moves see map.

Arrangements made for A.M. the King's visit to 4th and Res. Army Areas.

Aug 10.

Moves see map.

3rd Army requested to hand over S.T. RIQUIER as sailhead
Ambulance siding at COHATAY started.

New orders as to road work and stone supply issued.

Order memo to dump for operations 17-21 Aug XIV Corps.

Complaints received about 240 mm British ammunition.

Arrangements made for rest camp for exhausted artillerymen, at Tanten court and AUTHIEVLE.

Many moves on tapis — Divs. 38th RA. 51. 48. 47. 12. 25. Guards 17 and 132 Battery, nearly all transit moves or internal in Corps.

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TWTENCOURT 11/8.	Transfer of transport made in accordance with new arrangements for store work, to take place on 12/13 August. Home transport of 4 th Army returned.	67
12/8	See moves map.	
13/8	Nothing else of importance	

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TUTENCOURT 14/8/16	<p>Moves see map and G.S. letter. Arranged necessary tailheads for changes above. G. of files XIII Corps both over IX Corps area 10.45 am with clerical staff. Arranged for supply of trench troops cantoned in Reserve Army area. Winter accommodation file sent to G.H.Q. Scheme for salvage to G.H.Q. Feeding strength 14/8. British 264,407. Trench 1666 German 843 Homes " 75,585 " 7 Arrangements P. of W. camps now working well: all uninfected on 13/8. Water, supply, latrines, washing, ordnance stores, all satisfactory. The new arrangement for changing the higher units of Division moving from one Army to another extremely successful; economy in petrol, transport and added work for staffs considerable; also the scheme shows the units concerned from their Corps, which does not and cannot lead to efficiency. Further instructions as to salvage issued to Corps.</p>		<p>Appx. (maps)</p> <p>Appx. ✓ " 6 "</p> <p>Appx. ✓ " D "</p> <p>Appx. ✓ " Husband "</p>

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TONTENCOURT. 15/8.

Summary of moves has taken place is as follows:

IInd Corps HQ. from IInd Army motor and march, where IIIrd Corps by 19/8.

IX Corps HQ. more than same way up to IInd Army, left our area 14/8.

IIIrd Corps HQ. has no Randome G. office at Domart-en-Ponthica, and will be concentrated there by 23/8.

IIIrd Corps complete relief of IIIrd Corps in IVth Army area on 10/8, but Corp. troops of IIIrd don't leave our area till 20/8.

12th Div in leave for IIIrd Army area on 15-18/8. (later day R.E.)

20th Div (relieved by 6th and 6th A. Div Steppin), with 6th B. Rd. march on 17/8 into L area, and on 18/8 into A area (for IVth Army).

2nd Div (less Rd. which follow later), arrives A area 17th and L area 18th (later on for Gds. show Rd. stays in).

In the other areas, following moves are in prospect:

17/8. 1. Australian Div into line relief of 4 Aust. Div

4. " " Comes out

24/8. 2. " " relieves 1st Aust. Div.

25/8. 1st Aust. Div to K area for containing. (to Ist Army).

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TOTTENCOURT 15. 8. 16

On 18/8. 1st Canadian Division fr. 3. Army Area into B. area, relieve 2. Australian Div. on Sep. 1.
The 25. Div may relieve 49th Div. from 18/8. to 25/8.
Gen Qmbi V and XIV Corps visited Army H.Q. on handover over —
Corps salvage scheme discussed.

Letter from Gen Qmbi to G.H.Q. submit list railways for amm^o —
decide that a Q. office should visit a French Army and see how much labour is necessary to work an Army system.

16. 8. 16

V Corp staff took over from XIV Corp Staff in W. area.
20th Div. will be administered by 4th Army, now until midday 20. Aug.
Informed by 4th Army that XIII Corps formally hand over to XIV Corp Staff by 17/8/16.

Secondary scheme, and trench mortar amm^o carriage scheme nearly completed; letter on subject sent out
Work on Riegel side in progress, German prisoners working well; prisoner camps in good condition from Q. point of view.

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TENTEN CRT 17/8/16	<p>HA of Div. Parks, owing to constant change of divisions and Corps has got mixed up: reallocated as follows.</p> <p>II Corps 406. Co. All (original II Corps S.P.)</p> <p>V " 363 " " (own)</p> <p>XIII " *654 " " (original VIII " ")</p> <p>Angae 562 " " (own).</p> <p>Co 770. Co. allotted to V Corps to help temporarily.</p> <p>* V Corps will arrange when ready.</p> <p>O.T. (Antenne R. H.) will be used about 4 pm, but required for detaining troops: MONDECURT will be substituted.</p> <p>ADPT. visited office and spoke to Co. C. in Corps, Overlay, etc.</p> <p>XIII M.M.G. Co. take over protection house: R. H. 10. am 19/8.</p> <p>15 extra Triumph motor cycles issued to Recon. Army: all to be as in margin, and should be of great use.</p> <p>Extra cutting scheme for Camp Comm, R.H., D.D. and</p> <p>Logs called for</p>	<p>41</p> <p>App. C. 320 ✓</p> <p>App. — " 5</p> <p>These handled</p>

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MONTECOURT 18/8

Monsieur map.
CONTR. 2 ambulance sidings opened for troops.
ADMb visited 6th French Army re bo. cen line.
Working prices arranged and promulgated to Corps -

19/8

Monsieur map.
ADMb visited MONTECOURT, and arranged for transfer of mailhead to that place from 24th midday till 10th Sep. for 5th Corps.
Supplementary hutting scheme for RHC, C.C. Prisoner of War and Medical Services sent to R.R. R.R. for priority of action.
ADMb visited office with L.H.T. re bo. cen. construction.

20/8

Monsieur map -
V Corps from instructions about moving R.H. fr OT. to OR.
Sanction price for road round Army HQ to be fixed -
ADMb visited Prisoner of War camps.
Letter from Carabk Div. re hutting and horse shelter referred to C.C.

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TOUENCOURT 21/8/16

More see map.
Feeding strength Brit. 227,540. Fr. 1896. German 847.
Horses 57759. " 22
Reconnoitred place for new railhead for G.H.Q. ammunition in
an area, vicinity of LANDAS.

G.H.Q. letters received from about ammunition storage.
D.W. bomb store blew up at COIGNEVX, causing much damage to village.

22/8/16

More see map.
Visit from Ruzo Construction Dept re to can and traffic to AVELUY
R. It has joined up to Decauville system on E. side of R. Ancre.
Explosion substituted into explosion at COIGNEVX.

5th Div. R.F.C. to be formed for Reserve Army on Aug 27th.
3rd Div. orders altered; German in G.H.Q. Reserve in A. area
with further notice.

Ammunition due to Army at base very low, owing to heavy
expenditure of last 14 days.

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TOTTENHAM RT. 23/8	Dismounted men of 3 rd Cav Div. attached to II nd Corps for digging. Application made to G.O.C. for further R.E. A.T. Cos for work on hutting, and in back areas.	74
" 24/8	None see map - position in line has L to R. 2 Div. 6 Div. 25 Div. 42 Div. 2 nd Australian Div. - G.O.C. and 1 st A.M. moving - 4 Ambulances to S area - 39 and 49 out of line - 3 rd Div in A area for III Army. A.C. sub. visited T.S. Station proposed for 60 c.m. line. Report on connection between hill line and AVELLY ridge received. 4 th W.I. Lt. appointed to the Army team Egypt 24/8. Lt. Capt. amun R. H. to MONTECART temporarily. A.C. sub. Canadian Corps visited the O. office. Work to be finished by 10th day heavy stores of ammunition ordered up: 100 extra men to Picherillen for railhead labour. 11 th Div had joined V Corps on Aug 28.	

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TOUTENCOURT 25/8/16

Moves see map.
Letter to Q. M. G. in G. area. Ammunition R. H. W. formed at COORDON
Order for 4th brigade 3" Stokes mortars, by new 3" Stokes
mortar with Forster's adapter; necessary orders issued.

26/8/16

Moves: see map.
An 27. 25th Div taken over fr. 49th Div.
" " 48 " " " 25
" " 4. Antr. came on left of 2 Antr.
" " 39. Div. commenced taking over fr. 6th Div.
" " 1 Antr. sent out to IInd Army
" " 1 Canadian Div. commenced detachment and making toward
" " 11th Division arrived 2nd Corp area 4th September.
S. area

All corps ordered to commence making horse handovers,
too. Messen. huts allotted to Reserve Army.
Lt. Col. Bunting Lindsay, S. I. Home joined for duty with Q. M. G. Army.
Letter fr. G. in redistribution of areas, in case of a partial advance.

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TOUTENCOURT 27. 8. 16.

Mosses see map. also list see Summary
1 extra Squadron B.C. joined Res Army on Sep 5. (probably not 18).

Part of Heavy Mob. Workshop joined at LE QUELANTY.

1st Australian Div. finished entraining and left for IInd Army.

4 Section to go for the Army at HAVRE Sep 14 3 to II Corp. 1 to V.

28. 8. 16.

AAAC(III) takes over adm. of Res Army on 31/1. Sept.

Many errors in papers see list of 27/8.

C.E. Canadian Corp. quiet office.

59th Heavy Mt. Sp. allotted to the Army since 1/9/16.

Salvage reports & from all corps. being arrangements.

Feeding strength 28/8 of Res Army:

British 213,403 Poles 57,592

French 1965 Jr. 13.

German 1118.

29. 8. 16.

Some attention to date of move of Australian & Canadian Divs.

Meeting of 20 & 21/8 at HQ of 2nd Div. Discussed road.

ways, tank repair, shell casings, POW cases, horse stables, P.B. men.

and position of areas.

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TOUR TO NEQUART. 30. 8. 16	<p>More see map, new allotment of ammunition made to Reserve Army on larger scale.</p>		
31. " "	<p>Pioneer Bns of 11th and 18th Divs to 2nd Corps for 3rd Army, to reach O. area on Sept. 1.</p>		
	<p>Arrangements made with G.O.C. for extra stores and labour, as roads in front area are getting very bad. Extra stores allotted to Army. During the month several new railway projects have been scouted as see list attached.</p>		
	<p>List of ammⁿ: expended for July 3rd to end of Aug in Reserve Army attached.</p>		Kppl ^r ✓ G
	<p>Also attached following memoranda to Corps:</p>		
	<p>Dumps of ammⁿ: value for.</p>		Appdx 2H
	<p>Purification of water " "</p>		Appdx 2I
	<p>Claims for trophies " "</p>		Appdx 2J
	<p>Dead bodies disposal of - "</p>		Appdx 2K
	<p>Cebs - Training of "</p>		Appdx 2L
	<p>Q. Hammamⁿ for month 1-31. Aug.</p>		Appdx 2M
			Appdx 2N